



ALL-AMERICAN Tidewater Post 4809



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Congratulations! All-American Post 4809!

Commander
 Comrades & Sisters,
 We have another busy month ahead of us, so that means plenty of opportunities to serve each other, veterans in need and our community. Please check the calendar and join us at one or more of the events. There are two fund-raiser events in August that I encourage you to support: The first one is on Friday, August 20 and

it is the annual fund-raiser for the Vets House. If you are looking for a great night out, start by attending the MOCA Steak Night dinner, then move across to the large hall for the fabulous entertainment provided by the *Touch of Elvis Fan Club*. You will not be disappointed. Come early as the hall fills up quickly! Don't forget to bring those non-perishable items that are needed by the Vets House.

The second fund-raiser will be a Ladies Auxiliary Barbeque and Horseshoe Contest to be held on a date to be announced. It will raise funds for the Ladies Auxiliary Cancer Project. Please come out and support our Ladies in this noteworthy endeavor.

Thanks to the efforts of our Recruiting Chairperson, *Craig Dudley*, and with the assistance of a number of Comrades and Sisters, we have had a very successful recruiting campaign the last few months.

The next Initiation Obligation Ceremony will be on Monday, August 9 during the regularly scheduled Post Meeting. Letters have been mailed to our new members inviting them to attend this special occasion; but if for some reason there is a Comrade who has been overlooked and would like to take their Obligation, they are more than welcome to attend. Just let our Adjutant, *Kathy Goodall*, or myself know so we can have their Cross of Malta pin available for presentation.

The next District 2 Meeting will be on Saturday, August 7 at Post 392 in Virginia Beach. Lunch starts at Noon and the Meeting follows at 1:00 p.m. Everyone is invited and I encourage all who are interested in finding out what is happening in the District to attend.

Let me talk briefly about Volunteering, and more importantly, about documenting the many hours each of you do each and every month. No matter what type of volunteering you do, be it for a Church program, civic organization, visiting someone in a Nursing Home or Hospital, or something you do for another person on your own, please document the time(s) and submit it to me, the Chaplain, Adjutant, or any other Officer, so I can include that information in the reports that are submitted to the Department.

Just provide the following types of information: the total amount of time you volunteered, total miles driven, what type of activity you performed, and the number of people who benefitted from your efforts. If you are not sure about what to include, send me the information and if I have any questions, I'll contact you.

AUGUST, 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST Maharlika	2 7:00 pm Ladies Aux Meeting PWP Mtg	3 7:30 pm COOTIE SCRATCH	4 WEDNESDAY NITES: FREE Juke Box, POOL & Darts Cribbage \$5.00 Pizza	5 Remote Control Club	6 6:30-8:00 pm AUXILIARY STEAK DINNER	7 Noon: DISTRICT 2 MEETING Post 392 PWP Dance N.A.R.T.U.
8 9:00-11:00 MOCA BREAKFAST U.F.A.S.	9 7:30 POST MEETING	10 7:00 PM MOCA MEETING Pepper Lovers Club	11 Coin Club	12 Rifle Club Civic League	13 6:30-8:00 Post Dinner Spaghetti Premium Blend in Canteen	14 District 2 School of Instruction
15 MOC/MOCA Hospital Visit	16 Auxiliary School of Instruction Partilite Candles	17 7:00 pm B.O.D.	18 Neighborhood Watch Post/Aux Hospital Visit	19 Alhambra	20 VETS HOUSE Fund-raiser 6:30-8:00 MOCA Steak Ocean Breeze in Canteen	21 11:00 am JUNIOR GIRLS PWP Dance
22 Jolly B's	23 7:30 POST MEETING	24 AM Fleet Reserve Partilite Candles	25	26	27 KARAOKE BIRTHDAY BASH	28 9:00 am De-Stress Vets
29 9:30-11:30 COOTIE BREAKFAST Jolly B's	30 7:30 pm JOINT MEETING	31	September 1	DATES TO REMEMBER: 1: AIR FORCE DAY 4: U.S. Coast Guard Established (1790) 7: Purple Heart Medal Established (1782) 14: Japan Surrendered (1945) 16: National Airborne Day 19: National Aviation Day		

Kudos to *John Gebhardt* for organizing the recent bus trip to Dover. Everyone had a great time!

For the stellar job that the following individuals have done in grilling the hamburgers and hotdogs for the past two Post Picnics, *Skip Snedecor* and *Butch Baines* are the Volunteers of the Month!

... *Bob Clinebell*
Rclinebell@cox.net

Senior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

I would like to take this time to thank everyone for their support this past year, and all their work with the post – it paid off as we were selected “ALL-AMERICAN POST 2009-2010.”

Please check the calendar for events, programs and meetings for the month of August.

I am the Chairperson for the 2010-2011 Patriot's Pen and Voice of Democracy essay competitions. If you have family members in grades 6-12, they are welcome to participate.

The Patriot's Pen topic for grades 6 thru 8 this year is “*Does Patriotism Still Matter?*” The topic for Voice of Democracy for grades 9 thru 12 is “*Does My Generation Have a Role in America's Future?*” All essays are due in to the Post by midnight, 1 November 2010. For entry forms and more information on the programs, contact me at the Post or e-mail me at elmallett@cox.net.

There is also a Teacher of the Year Program, where each year exceptional teachers are recognized for their outstanding commitment to teach Americanism and patriotism to their students. Do you know a teacher you would want to submit for this award?

If your Annual Membership has expired, or it is getting close, renew now! If you know of a Comrade who had let their membership lapse, contact them and encourage them to renew as well.

If you are not a Life Member, please consider becoming one. Fees are as follows and can be paid through a 12-month payment plan:

Here are the Life Membership Fees:

Up to age 30 . \$423	31-40 410
41-50 375	51-60 335
61-70 290	71-80 225
81 & over 170	

... *Eric Mallett*
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Junior Vice-Commander

Comrades & Sisters,

The following events took place during the month of August in our nation's military history:

Aug. 1, 1921 - successful testing of a gyroscopic high-level bombsight (Norden Bombsight) took place at Torpedo Station in Yorktown, VA. Carl Norden developed the device for the Bureau of Ordnance.

Aug. 1, 1946 - The Office of Naval Research is established.

Aug. 1-3, 1958 - After submerging under the Arctic ice cap near Point Barrow on August 1, 1958, the USS Nautilus (SSN-571) reached the geographic North Pole on August 3, 1958.

Aug. 4, 1947 - becomes the birthdate of the Medical Service Corps.

Aug. 6, 1945 - the first atomic bomb used as a weapon of war was detonated over Hiroshima, Japan. Navy weaponeer, Captain W. S. Parsons, USN, armed the bomb on the B-29 bomber, Enola Gay. This drop was followed with another atomic bomb drop on August 9, 1945, over Nagasaki, Japan. The devastating effects of these two bombs hastened the surrender of Japan to American Forces on August 15, 1945.

Aug. 15, 1908 - the first Navy Post Offices were established in Navy ships.

Aug. 18, 1965 - the first major amphibious assault in Vietnam, code-named Operation Starlight, resulted in the capture of 2,000 Viet Cong enemy combatants.

Aug. 25, 1942 - five Navy nurses who had become POWs in Guam were repatriated.

Aug. 26, 1865 - The Civil War ends with a Naval force of over 58,500 men and 600 ships.

... *Juan R. Gonzalez*
Gonzalez.juan.r@att.net

Chaplain

Comrades & Sisters,

There is a little good news, so I will begin with that. Past Post Commander *Troy Bridges* was in the hospital during his visit to Virginia. I'm happy to report that he is out now and doing well. Comrade *Jim Roche* has had surgery up in New Jersey. As far as we know, he is doing as well as can be expected. On the road to recovery are *Gary Messersmith*, *Paul Catalino*, *Charles Quillin*, *Michael Cassidy*, *Kathy & Bill Goodall*; and Comrade *Craig Dudley's* mom was in the hospital, but is home now doing well.

Auxiliary Sisters who have been reported as sick are: *Mary Messersmith*, *Phyllis Stokes*, and *Lillian Quillin*. If you know of an Auxiliary Sister or Post Comrade who is sick at home or in the hospital, please let me know. My phone number is on the front of this newsletter.

We have lost several of our Comrades. They are: *Bernard Mamordor*, *Eugene Barfield*, *Jose Blay*, *Kenneth A. Baun* and *James W. Smith*. Our Comrade *Earnie Fearn* lost his wife, Donna, who was also a life member of the Ladies Auxiliary. Our deepest sympathy goes to Earnie and all our Comrades and Sisters who have lost a loved one; we will

keep you in our prayers.

Let's not forget our Comrades and Sisters who are in harm's way: all those deployed and working everyday to protect us. Keep the Prayer Chain going for all to be safe.

... *Leonard Horsfall*

Ladies Auxiliary

Comrades & Sisters,

Hello! I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer. It's almost time for school to start again, so I thought we could start early with a School of Instruction on August 16. It will start at 7:00 p.m. at Post 4809 in the small hall. I would like for all the officers and chairmen to attend. This is where everyone can learn and ask questions about their office and chairmanship for the year.

We also have a District 2 Meeting and a District School of Instruction on August 7. We have a busy month; I will appreciate all the help I can get.

We also have a Steak Dinner on the first Friday and a Hospital Visit on the third Wednesday. Please come out and help and/or support the Ladies Auxiliary.

We are always looking for new members. The New Membership Fee is \$21.00.

Life Membership is the best way and we do take installments. Just let one of us know.

Life Membership rates are as follows: (Attained Age as of Dec. 31 of year applying):

Thru 20 \$220	21-25 210
26-30 200	31-35 190
36-40 185	41-45 175
46-50 170	51-55 160
56-60 150	61-65 140
66-70 130	71-75 115
76-80 95	81-85 75
86-90 60	91 & over 50

If you have any questions, please give me a call.

... *Margaret Leaver*
 President
 757-572-6024

Seam Squirrel

Hello, Cooties!

Pup Tent #2 got infested on July 6, and a lot was done to soothe the itch. I don't believe we were successful though as it turned out lousy.

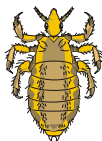
I wanted to take a minute to say “thanks” to everyone for showing trust and confidence in me for electing me as your Seam. Also, “thanks” to our Past Seam, (Don), for all of your support and leadership.

I have a feeling that this is going to be a really lousy year. Our MOCA Madam President, *Patty Poo Baines*, and I plan to work together to have some equally lousy events for this year. With that being said, we want your input for things that you would like to see. Obviously,

we are unable to please everyone, but the goal is to please as many as possible; and, oh, have a lousy time doing it.

Making a little cash while doing it would be kinda fun, too. Our Past Seam had mentioned that attendance at our Cootie Breakfasts has been very poor. I agree, and we are taking steps toward increasing participation.

Eric Mallet, (our 1-year tightwad), and I have put together a menu for our Cootie Breakfast that we plan on delivering to a few of the nearest Police and Fire Departments. Several of us have discussed this and we feel we can get more participation by inviting local heroes (with some discount consideration if in uniform) to our Breakfasts. We have to increase attendance in order to support our Hospital programs. Let's crawl together here, Cooties, and make this work.



Remember, the amount of success of any endeavor is reflected by the amount of support and participation by everyone, not just one or two.

We will see you at Breakfast and our next Scratch.

Please keep our Military in your prayers. L.O.T.C.S.

God bless,

... *Phil Durbin*

M.O.C.A.

Dear Sisters,

We will be having a MOCA Fall Council on September 18 at 9:00 a.m., Post 392. This is to replace the council meeting at Tomb Trek. They will be serving Breakfast. Please plan on attending.

Our schedule for the month is posted on the front calendar as for dates and times.

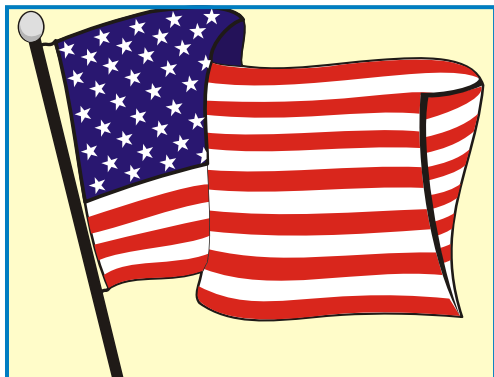
Auxiliary President *Margaret Leaver* is having her Auxiliary School of Instruction this month. Let's all plan to support her and attend.

We need your support in our Breakfasts and Dinners, so come out and join us.

Keep our Veterans *Smiling in Beds of White, - Always.*

Sincerely,

... *Patty Poo*



VFW Riders

Hello, everyone,

I hope you all had a good Father's Day and Fourth of July. The VFW Riders Father's Day at Langley Speedway was very good. We had 44 adults and I lost track of how many children. I want to thank *Melissa* for all of the help from start to finish - awesome job, well done *Melissa!* I also want to thank everyone who showed up to the event, and I look forward to the next one.

August 15 is our Third Annual Poker Run for the Vets House. We are still in need of help at the different locations and donations for the auction, so get out and ask around, please.

I want to let everyone know about an event that takes place at Norfolk Naval Base. It is called the Individual Augmentation Send-off, or I.A. Send-off. What this is about is seeing off sailors who are heading over to the Middle East in harm's way. This event takes place on Saturday mornings; we leave from Post 3160 at 0630 and arrive on base around 0650 and wish them off on a safe journey. The event is done by 0730. If you are interested and would like to know the schedule, please contact me at 757-761-1758 or missing_link@cox.net

The last thing I want to talk about is, we have been asked to escort the body of *Paul Jandreau* to Arlington National Cemetery in October. The date has not been set as yet; when I get that information I will pass it on.

Until we meet again, keep the wind in your face and the rubber to the road.

... *Doug Miller*
President

Veterans Information

BVA Can Help

The need for the educational services, counseling, representation, and peer support offered by the Blinded Veterans Association (BVA) has never been greater. BVA is committed to locating blinded vets who need the services that will help them overcome the challenges of blindness and lead productive and fulfilling lives. The Association is anxious to guide blinding vets through the rehabilitation process and to continue their work as advocates for blinding vets and their families in the public and private sectors.

BVA fulfills its unique mission by promoting access to technology and the practical use of the latest research, supporting vocational and recreational programs that foster rehabilitation, offering encouragement and emotional support, providing role models who have conquered seemingly insurmountable challenges, and serving as a medium of communication for and about issues of concern to blinding vets and their families.

Vets do not need to be legally blind to join BVA, nor does their visual impairment need to be service-connected, to be eligible to join and receive benefits. Visit www.bva.org to join.

Cancer Fund-raiser Saturday, October 16

Mark your calendars. We will be having a Pool Tournament and BBQ to help raise money for cancer.

Entry fee for the Pool Tournament will be \$15.00 - 75% to the winner and 25% to the cancer fund. There will be two 50/50 drawings. Please contact *John Chivers* at 202-3113 if you would like to participate in the Pool Tournament.

The BBQ will also be \$15.00 per person. More details on times will be in the next newsletter. There will also be flyers around the Canteen.

You have plenty of time to make your plans to be there. So I hope to see everyone there on October 16. Thanks in advance for your support.

... *Phyllis Stokes*
Cancer Chairperson



From the Canteen

Canteen Hours

Mon thru Thurs - 2:00 - 10:00 p.m.

Fri & Sat - :10:00 a.m. - 2:00 a.m.

Sun & Holidays - 10 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

We will have FREE Pool, Juke Box and Darts, \$5.00 Pizza will also be available on Wednesday Nights. Premium Blend will be in the Canteen on the 13th; Ocean Breeze on the 20th; and the Karaoke Birthday Bash for August will be on the 27th. We need your support to make this work in the Canteen.

In the Bar, we now have Cheeseburgers in addition to our Hot Dogs and Pizza.

There are a few lockers available at \$5.00 per year. Locker Dues were due July 1st.

Help! Help! Remember we are not a bank; please try to keep your checks and big bills (100s & 50s) to a minimum; we have an ATM machine for your convenience.

We are being overwhelmed with members' bottles and have ran out of room. Some members have 3, 4 and even 5 bottles - this is NOT acceptable. We will start dating bottles and any bottle left over 60 days will be disposed of. There are still lockers available @\$5.00/year.

Looking forward to your patronage,

... Phil & Bill

Junior Girls

Dear Comrades & Sisters,

I hope this finds everyone enjoying the Summer! HOT!! Right now we are doing the articles and I cannot report on the Car Wash/Pool/Sleepover but we know everyone will have supported our Girls with this fund-raiser and the Post with their Safety Program.

Moving right along with some Big News!! Giving this a lot of thought and speaking with the Canteen Manager, I have decided to go back to the old Meeting time for the Girls. Therefore we have changed the day and time of the meeting. In August (ONLY) the Girls will meet at 11:00 a.m. on the 21st. After that, they will start meeting on the Second Saturday of every month at 11:00 a.m. This change is back to the old dates and times.

The Auxiliary has a lot going on the first week of the month and this will give some of us who are active in the Auxiliary a little relief. I thank you for your cooperation with these changes.

I will be going to the VA Hospital Visit the third Wednesday this month; any of the Girls who would like to go with me and assist with Bingo for the patients, meet me at the Post by 6:00 p.m.

Please call me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

... Gloria K linefelter
282-6803, Advisor

Quartermaster

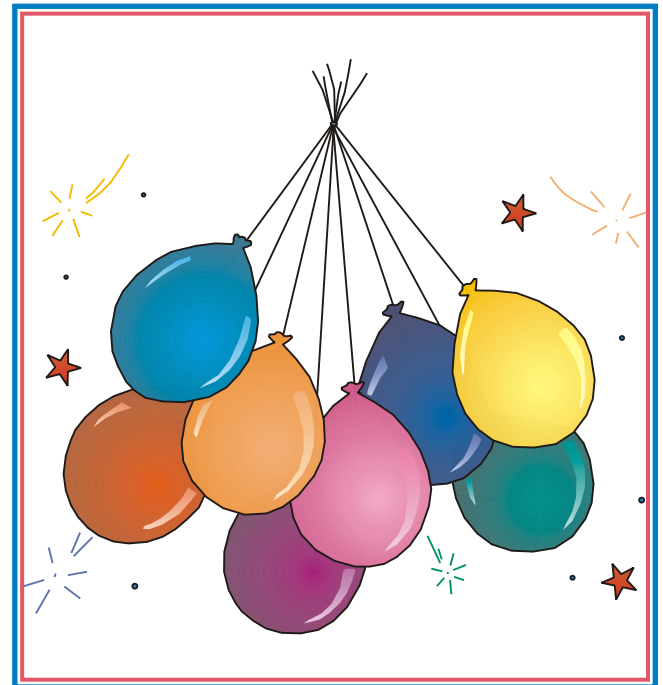
Post 4809 Members Due
Continuous Service Awards:
August, 2010

Kleeger, Simon	35
Birran, Dennis N.	30
Hendricks, Winton L.	25
Talley, Louis B.	25
Lambert, Roger J.	20
Olverson, John A.	20
Loftus, James H.	15
Leonard, Harold L.	15
Edwards, Jiles P.	10
Klocko, Edward R.	10
Constance, Ronald C.	5
Mario, Ahmed	5
Pismeny, Arthur B.	5
Summers, James E., Jr.	5

... Richard Crockford

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